

What is claimed is:

1. A punch holder, comprising,
an elongated hollow handle having a forward end with an
5 enclosed compartment having a shape to receive and
engage the shank of an elongated punch,
a plunger slidably mounted in the handle and having a
forward end in the enclosed compartment,
a spring associated with the plunger yieldingly urging the
10 plunger into the enclosed compartment,
an elongated slot in the handle, and
a handle secured by one end to the plunger and extending
outwardly through the slot to permit manual grasping
thereof to pull the plunger rearwardly against the
15 spring to release a punch shank from engagement with
the plunger, or to permit the placement of a punch
within the enclosed compartment in the path of a
forward end of the plunger.
- 20 2. The device of claim 1 wherein a storage compartment is
provided in the handle for receiving a plurality of punches.
3. The punch holder of claim 1 wherein the enclosed
compartment is frusto-shaped having a flat head and tapered
25 side walls.